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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE ON VIKING

SOVIET MEDIA HAS BEEN REPORTING REGULARLY ON VIKING MISSION SINCE  
SCHEDULED JULY 4 LANDING. COVERAGE PEAKED WITH TOUCHDOWN. JULY 20  
LEADING TV NEWS PROGRAM DEVOTED SEVERAL MINUTES TO SIMULATED  
LANDING FILM FOLLOWED BY 8-10 PHOTOS TRANSMITTED BY VIKING LANDER.  
ALL LEADINGPAPERS CARRIED JULY 21 TASS STORY REPORTING LANDING AND  
FIRST TASKS PERFORMED. RECENT ISSUE OF POPULAR SCIENCE MAGAZINE  
FEATURED EXCLUSIVE STORY ON VIKING WITH CREDITS TO IPS AND  
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